

**Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes**

**October 9, 2008**

**bigforksteering.org**

**Community Forum**

**(Amended)**

APPROVED

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Sari Camacho, Edd Blackler, Elna Darrow, George Darrow, John Bourquin, Steve Zabaro, Joe Brennemen, Sue Hanson, Kim Crowley, Laura Long, Sally Janover, Marty Boursma, John Bourquin, Leslie Budewitz, Louise Tidwell,

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:03

**Agenda:** The motion was made to adopt the agenda with one addition. (m/sc S.Hanson /E. Darrow ) Passed

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as amended. (m/sc S Hanson/ E.Darrow.) Passed

**Treasurer's Report:** two expenditures 61.84 to WEB Developments and 10.50 To Paul Rana for supplies for North Lake County Committee leaving a balance of \$2744.85

**Community Business:**

**Kim Crowley, Director of Flathead County Library System:** Kim introduced Laura Long from Bigfork who is our representative from this community on the Library Board. Laura moved to Bigfork and since her term was not expired the county Commissioners appointed her to our community. Welcome Laura!!!

**Resort Tax Committee:** The maps are still at the state level waiting for approval.

**Lake County Planning: Vacation is Over:** Their next meetings are October 17, 2008 and November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 21. They are meeting on the First and Third meetings of the month again at 9:00 am in the Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. The committee will be working on policies, procedures, and by-laws using BLUAC as a model. They will be drafting their own regulations. They will have a future mailing to all the residents in the proposed area so that they all know what is happening and asking how they want their property zoned. A discussion followed on how to fund the mailing. Leslie stated there might be more donations. Elna Darrow made the motion for the BSC to help with the cost of this mailing, seconded by Steve Zabaro. Motion Passed. Leslie has had good support from the Lake County Planning Board and the candidates running for Lake County Commissioner's office

**Vision Committee:** On Hiatus

**Stormwater Committee:** Sue Hanson gave a 15 min PowerPoint presentation on her stormwater committee. "Bigfork's Dirty Little Secret". Many people are surprised to learn that everything we do affects the pollutant runoff in Flathead Lake. Due to the fact there does not seem to be a reliable map of sewers or catch basins we have to assume that the runoff is not good so it will be tested at various times especially after a rain event. They are looking at attaining more grants. The School District is working with this committee and putting in a great filtration system. One of the needs of the committee is photos showing these pollutants so if anyone has some they would like to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Stormwater and runoff is a new subject for this area and we do things like washing our boats at docks without even thinking of what is going into the lakes and

streams. We all need to be more aware of our precious commodity----Flathead Lake and Montana's other lakes and streams.

**Nominating Committee:** Steve Zabaro noted that in this village encompassing, Ferndale, Woods Bay, we have only 15 eligible voters (need to make 3 consecutive meetings in one year) and 6 of these people are on BLUAC and the rest are on the BSC Board. The slate as of this meeting will remain the same. Our next meeting is October 23, 2008 and that is when we will vote. So please if you have any nominations or volunteers please call Steve Zabaro or the Wagner house 837-1037.

**Chairman's Report:** Craig reported that we do now have our own Liability and D&O Insurance. The Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork (CFBB) gave us a donation and we now are being covered through Western States Insurance. This donation was for this year only and we will need to attain money by next October 1, 2009. Does anyone have any ideas? Fund raising? The cost for this insurance was \$1193.00

**Trails (Marty Boursma)** I have found lots of people to call and also have found out that everyone is doing their own thing. The Rotary is doing a trail here. He is looking for direction from a couple of people. Saddlehorn is looking for a trail. It seems every body wants trails and bike paths but no one in the county appears to be coordinating this effort along with the cost factor.

**Community Business:** Joe Brennemen has been assured by the Flathead County Attorney they will be looking at prosecuting sign violators. Craig verified the placement of the last Suppression Sign from the State on Highway 82. Tamarack Saturday was discussed with Joe Brenneman volunteering to judge soups.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30

Pat Wagner, Secretary.